THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Government has recently approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission (NFSM)" of which pulses is an important component. National Food Security Mission—Pulses aims at increasing the area under pulses by 4.47 million ha. and enhancing the production of pulses by 2 million tonnes by the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan. The pulses component of National Food Security Mission is being implemented in 168 districts of 14 major pulse growing States in the country.

MSP for rabi crop

542. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government has revised the MSP for rabi crop and procurement prices for kharif marketing season for 2006-07;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its impact on inflationary trend of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The MSPs of kharif crops of 2007-08 season were fixed/ announced on 17.05.2007 and of rabi crops on 9.10.2007. The MSPs for both kharif and rabi crops have been increased substantially over 2006-07. A Statement indicating MSPs for kharif and rabi crops for 2006-07 and 2007-08 is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) Since the MSP is in the nature of a minimum guaranteed price to the farmers for their produce in the event the market prices fall below that level, it is unlikely to have any significant impact on the inflationary trend.

Statement

Minimum Support Price for kharif and rabi crops for 2006-07 *and* 2007-08
(According to crop year)

(Rs. per qunital)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2006-07	2007-08
	KHARIF CROPS			
1.	Paddy	Common	580^	645$$
		Grade 'A'	610^	675$$
2.	Jowar	Hybrid	540	600
		Maldandi	555	620
3.	Bajra		540	600
4.	Maize		540	620
5.	Ragi		540	600
6.	Arhar (Tur)		1410	1550^^
7.	Moong		1520	1700^^

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2006-07	2007-08
8.	Urad		1520	1700^^
9.	Cotton	F-414/H-777/J34	1770*	1800*
		H-4	1990**	20230**
10.	Groundnut in Shell		1520	1550
11.	Sunflower Seed		1500	1510
12.	Soyabeen	Black	900	910
		Yellow	1020	1050
13.	Sesamum		1560	1580
14.	Nigerseed		1220	1240
	RABI CROPS			
15.	Wheat		750$$	1000
16.	Barley		565	650
17.	Gram		1445	1600
18.	Masur (Lentil)		1545	1700
19.	Rapeseed/Mustard		1715	1800
20.	Safflower		1565	1650
21.	Toria		1680	

$$An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal is payable over the Minimum Support Price (MSP).
^An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 40 per quintal was payable between 1.10.2006 to 31.3.2007. In case of Bihar and Kerala additional incentive bonus extended upto 31.5.2007 and in case of A.P., Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal additional incentive bonus extended upto 30.9.2007.
*Medium Staple
**Long Staple
^^A bonus of Rs. 40 per quintal is payable over and above the MSP.

Estimate of production of paddy

†543. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is estimate of decline in the production of paddy due to flood, etc., in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the States which have estimated the decline in production of paddy and the quantity of decline, State-wise;

(c) whether due to decline in production in these States, there is possibility of increase in demand of rice; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The paddy crop in the States of Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal is reported to have been affected due to floods during

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.